

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., November 12, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, November 12, 1834.

Dear Andrew, I find from a letter received by Major A. J. Donelson to day, that there is some difficulty about getting his cotton Ginned. When you finish yours, *Ginn it for him* and without *toll* . if Ben should be wanted about repairs of the House Mr. Hawarton will furnish a hand in the room of Ben whilst employed ginning the majors cotton. The ginn must not be entrusted to any but Ben, our horses and drivers. I hope your cotton will be fully housed before this reaches you, and ginned. I find good well handled cotton is selling from 14 to 16 cents, and rising in Europe, and if early in market, and well ha[n]dled, will bring us a good price.

I have this moment recd. a letter from Maj Lewis of the 2nd instant. He was at the Hermitage on the 1st and gives me a flattering account of my dear little ones, but says sarah was pale. I hope she is on the way hither with him, the travel and change of air will be beneficial for her, and will restore her health. if she is still with you kiss her and the dear little ones for me. I am anxious to see them and you, but I know you cannot leave there until arrangements are made about the rebuilding of the House, and with the new overseer about the farm and crop for next year.

The major has proposed some alterrations to be made in the repairs of the House. I would be satisfied to see it restored to what it was before it was burnt, but as I know I shall [not] be long on earth to enjoy its comforts in retirement, I inclose his letter on

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this point to you that you may exercise your own discretion provided it does not add too much to the expence of the repairs. You estimate the repairs from \$2000 to 2500. I am willing if you think it best to add the improvements named by Major Lewis and Col Love to \$3000 or a little upwards. I inclose major Lewis letter and leave it to your own choice to determine. . . .